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初蘭軍に對し戰闘開始に關し。
昭和十七年一月十二日情報局に依て發せられたる
帝國政府聲明

さきに帝國は、米英兩國に對し開戦するに至りたるも和
蘭に對しとは、能ふれば、戰禍を蘭印住民に及ぼさうしめんと
する、を慮り、敵對的措置を差控へたるべく、和蘭政
府は帝國が和蘭と緊密不可分の關係にある米英兩國に
對し、戰端を開きたるに至り日蘭間に戰爭狀態が存在するに
至りたるものと認むる旨帝國政府に通告越したるのみならず、
爾來現実に和蘭軍は帝國に對し、各種の敵對行為
に出で更に、最近蘭印を米英蘭の對日抗戦の基地と
爲すに至れり。

帝國に於ては、無辜の蘭印住民に對しては何等敵意
ある次第非ざる。和蘭の敵對行為を破碎すると
共に帝國臣民の生命財産を擁護するため遂に帝國
陸海軍は、一月十一日和蘭軍に對し、戰闘を開始する
に至れるものなり。

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CONCERNING THE OPENING OF HOSTILITIES AGAINST
NETHERLANDS FORCES

-----Statement of the Government Issued by the Board of Information
on January 12, 1942-----

Although the Japanese Government previously declared war on the United States and the British Empire, they have refrained from taking any hostile measures against the Netherlands in their earnest desire of avoiding, if possible, calamity of war befalling the inhabitants of the Netherlands East Indies. The Netherlands Government, however, have notified the Japanese Government that, in view of the opening of hostilities by Japan against the United States and the British Empire with which the Netherlands is in a close and inseparable relationship, they recognize that a state of war has come to exist between Japan and the Netherlands. Not only that, the Netherlands forces have since actually resorted to various hostile acts toward Japan and, furthermore, the Netherlands has turned her colony of East Indies into bases of the United States, the British Empire and the Netherlands in their war against our Empire.

Japan entertains no intention whatever of a hostile nature toward the innocent inhabitants of the Netherlands East Indies. But, in view of the necessity of destroying the hostile acts of the Netherlands as well as of protecting the lives and property of Japanese nationals there, the Imperial Japanese military and naval forces commenced hostilities against the Netherlands forces on January 11.